(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the use of cow and beef fat is permissible in manufacturing toffees and chewinggums; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has not granted any approval to M/s. Pepsi Foods Limited or to M/s. Pepsico India Holdings for manufacture of chewing-gum. M/s. Pepsi Foods Limited have also stated that neither they nor M/s. Pepsico India Holdings or any of its subsidiaries manufactures or markets chewinggum.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, no action is called for.

Pending applications for Approval for the Production of Naphtha NGL

*132 SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of Naphtha/NGL is made only after meeting the demand of indigenous industry;

(b) if so, the number of files/cases pertaining to the allocation/administrative final approval of NGL/Naphtha are pending in MoS office since the past one month; and

(c) the reasons for not granting final approval to the cases pending since the past more than one month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of applications for allocation of Naphtha/NGL are received from various firms/companies. As NGL/Naphtha are highly inflammable products and can be used for adulteration of petrol/diesel, the applications are minutely scrutinised and carefully processed in consultation with the Oil Companies, Oil Coordination Committee, various sponsoring Ministries/Departments like Ministry of Power, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Steel and expert opinion. The applicants are required also to furnish certificates/clearances from various authorities like the State Pollution Control Board, the Chief Controller of Explosives, Directorate of Industries of State, etc. As allocation is based on recommendations/clearances of other Ministries/authorities, expert opinion and logistic feasibility, the process is inherently time-consuming and it takes time to take final decision. All efforts are made to expedite decision.

दूरसंचार निगम द्वारा विदेशी बाज़ार से संसाधनों का जुटाया जाना

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(क) क्या दूरसंचार निगम ने अपनी आधुनिकीकरण और विकास योजनाओं के लिए विदेशी बाजार से अतिरिक्त संसाधन जुटाने का निर्णय लिया है,

(ख) क्या दूरसंचार निगम विदेशी बाज़ार में यूरो वाण्ड जारी करने का विचार रखता है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या और यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जाएगा,

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) जी हां।

(ख) जी हां। महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड के मामले में नीचे उत्तर (ग)(i) के अनुसार

(ग) (i) महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा विश्व बाज़ार में 250 मिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर के समतुल्य बंधपत्र जारी करने का प्रस्ताव, हाल ही में